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3) I NO LONGER live to please myself: “And that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again” (2 Cor. 5:15).

4) I NO LONGER live the way unsaved people live: “That ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind” (Eph. 4:17).

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